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Tested Recipes

(In this column each week will be found a number of Tested Recipes. By clipping these and pasting in a note book, a complete book of tried recipes may be gathered. We will be glad to print any favorite recipes of our readers.—Ed.)

Corn Cakes

One can corn, one cup sweet milk, pinch of salt, two teaspoons of baking powder, one egg and flour enough to make batter a little stiffer than pancake batter. Fry, (not too fast) to a nice brown in plenty of fat. Serve with syrup. Mrs. P. A. S.

Baked Corn Custard

Take one can of corn and put through meat chopper, mix with a cupful of milk and the yolks of two eggs, beaten well, with salt and pepper. Put in baking dish, dot with bits of butter and bake brown. Selected.

Rice Cream

Place in upper part of double boiler: one pint of milk; one pinch of salt; let come to a boil. Add one and one-half cups cooked rice; boil five minutes. Stir in yolks of two eggs that have been beaten to cream with one-half cup granulated sugar; cook only until well thickened; remove from stove and fold in the stiffly beaten whites of two eggs and one teaspoon of vanilla. Let cool. Serve with whipped cream. Miss L. F.

Tea Baskets

Make a short sweetened pie crust, roll thin and partly bake in sheets. Before it is quite done take it from the oven, cut in squares of four inches or so, take up two diagonal corners and pinch together, which makes them basket-shaped. Then fill them with whipped cream well sweetened and flavored and return to the oven for a few minutes.

Peanut-Olive Sandwiches

One-half box peanut butter, one dozen olives stoned and minced. Season with lemon juice and salt. Selected.

Keeping Sandwiches

It's often necessary. They must be made up early. And they dry and curl so soon. Yet they are very easily kept good. They should simply be placed in an earthen receptacle. This earthen affair is covered and set in a pan of cold water. In this way they will keep for hours as fresh as when first made.

Western Sandwiches

One-half cup of ground ham; one onion ground; two eggs. Beat all together and fry, then turn; do not fry too dry. Place between buttered bread. Better served while warm. Miss L. F.

Cocoanut Sandwiches

One cup cocoanut; one-half cup nut meats one teaspoon flavoring; three tablespoons sugar; six tablespoons very thick cream; whole wheat bread; whipped cream. Chop the nuts until very fine, add the cocoanut, flavoring and sugar. Mix well and add the cream. Mix to a paste. Have ready thin slices of whole wheat bread, spread with whipped cream, slightly salted. Spread the filling on the bread, add a few drops of lemon juice and press the top slice on to make a firm sandwich. Mrs. B.

Date Sandwiches

Wash dates in tepid water, dry and stone them, remove scales and the inner skin near the stone. Add an equal amount of finely chopped walnuts, and moisten with soft butter or cream, till it can be spread. Combine figs and pecans or raisins and almonds the same way. Selected.

Smiles

They sat looking at her engagement ring.

"Did your friends admire it?" he tenderly inquired.

"They did more than that," she returned. "Three of them recognized it."

"I studied painting abroad," said the artist, with conscious pride.

"That explains it," said his rustic critic. "I knew I had never seen a cow like that in this country."

"Your mother tells me that you have been a very bad boy, Willie."

"Well, father, you don't want to believe all you hear around this house."

The top floor tenant had a grievance.

"The roof leaks," he said, "and if you don't do something to stop it—"

"Leaks? No sense," returned the landlord. "None of the people in the other flats say so."

A Boston man who lives in Wakefield and does intensive farming said to a friend the other day:

"I got three bushels of potatoes out of that little garden of mine this year."

"That's a pretty good showing."

"I should say it was. Why, I only planted four bushels."

The Farmer: "Say, don't you see that sign 'Private! No Fishing Allowed?'"

The Fisherman: "I never read anything marked 'Private.'"—Brooklyn Eagle.

"So the lawyers got about all of the estate. Did Edith get anything?"

"Oh, yes; she got one of the lawyers."

Hazel—Cold comfort comes in small chunks.

Aimee—Well, why don't you patronize some other ice man?

"Fred kissed me under the mistletoe last night."

"He never needs an inducement to kiss me."

Green—Didn't you find it uncomfortably warm at the theater last night?

Brown—Oh, no; the play was a frost.

OLD MAN GIDDLES OBSERVES

Optimism: Smiling at the troubles of others.

A man can backslide at twice the speed he can go ahead.

My son, remember that the higher you climb the farther you can fall.

Girls, before you marry a man to reform him study his list of New Year's resolutions.

Eli Timmons says he'd rather not be sympathized with at all than get so much sympathy he don't deserve.

Just Jottings

All potatoes have eyes, and some have specks.

Only a fool has the nerve to boast of his good sense.

A shanty on earth is worth more than a castle in the air.

About every ten years an old joke is given a new lease of life.

It is easier for some men to smile in a saloon than after reaching home.

Stepping on a banana peel has enabled a lot of men to go their length.

"She carries a rabbit foot, wears a ho seshoe brooch and a pin shaped like a four-leafed clover."

"I heard she was a girl of many charms."

Josh—I followed a bear's track for two hours one day in the Rockies.

Bosh—Did you catch up with him?

Josh—No; I was going the other way.

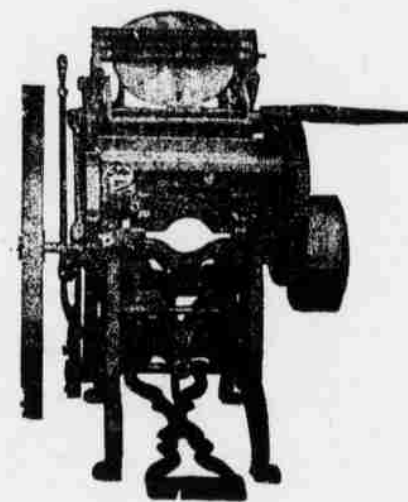
A man hurried to a quick lunch counter, and called to the waiter: "Give me a ham sandwich."

"Yes, sir," said the waiter. "Will you eat it here or take it with you?"

"Both," said the man.

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